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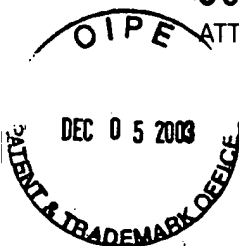
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Hapten-Carrier Conjugates and Uses Thereof**  
Inventors: *Bachmann et al.*  
Our Ref: 1700.0300001/BJD/SJE

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1. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet citing 5 documents);
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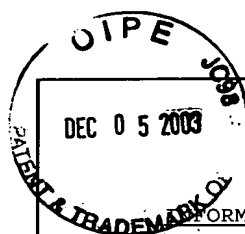
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